

44. (new) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the top and bottom pieces flare outwardly laterally along their outer edges at a 15° angle to their upper edges.

45. (new) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the angle is -2°.

Please add FIGURE 18.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application has claims 1-39 found patentable in the relevant International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The following changes are made in this Preliminary Amendment for the reasons given.

Page 7 of the description has been amended to reflect the corrections suggested by the Receiving Office's Written Opinion mailed February 11, 2005.

Also, the description has been amended at pages 9 and 12 to allow for numerical values to be inserted into otherwise non-numerically-defined value limitations already present in the description at page 9; new claims 40 through 45 similarly arise from these now-defined numerical values. New drawing 18 is hereby added to reflect the amendments to the description, and the description is similarly amended to describe the contents of new drawing 18. It is believed that these numerical values do not constitute new matter as the non-descriptive value

limitations have already been disclosed in the original application and are not crucial to the inventiveness of the apparatus; it is therefore further believed that the additions to the claims, drawings, and description are allowable. .

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application as amended is ready for examination and allowance under 35 U.S.C. 371. Should there be any further questions, this Office is respectfully requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned representative at 973-595-6625 to arrange for a personal or telephonic interview in an effort to resolve any such questions.